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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Jerome Forrest
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Statistics and Reports
International Cooperation Administration

SUBJECT: Definition of USIB Controls

1. This is in reply to your inquiry by telephone to [] as to the interpretation of the controls placed on reports published by the EIC Working Group on Sino-Soviet Bloc Economic Activities in Underdeveloped Areas.

2. As a member of the Working Group producing these Soviet penetration studies, you are aware that EIC published reports may not be disseminated to personnel outside of the agencies represented on the EIC membership without prior approval by the EIC. Publication of the EIC reports is governed by the United States Intelligence Board regulations on security classification and on control of dissemination and use of intelligence and intelligence information.

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3. In this connection, it is perhaps necessary to recognize the distinction between classifications (TOP SECRET, SECRET, CONFIDENTIAL) and the controls that may be placed on reports limiting their dissemination (NOFORN, Official Use Only, etc.). A report thus has a classification "SECRET" and may also have a control "NOFORN" - Not Releasable to Foreign Nationals. Whether or not a classified report bears any controls, the dissemination of such a report itself is still restricted to authorized recipients. Equally pertinent is the fact that information available only from this classified report obviously may be released only to authorized recipients. The authority to pass such information or reports analyses rests within the United States Intelligence Board, its committees, and member agencies. The use of controls is designed to refine even further the dissemination which may be effected among regular recipients of classified intelligence reporting. Both the classification and the control placed on a report are designed to safeguard the information against transmittal to unauthorized persons and to protect the sources and methods of intelligence collection.

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4. The control term "NOFORN" - Not Releasable to Foreign Nationals" means that dissemination is limited to US officials. No dissemination of this material will be made to foreign nationals and immigrant aliens, including U. S. Government employed, utilized or integrated foreign nationals and immigrant aliens, without permission of the originating agency. When the originating agency permits the release of any of its material to certain foreign nationals and immigrant aliens it will modify the control term, [redacted]

[redacted] Requests for exceptions to this control must be addressed to the originating agency.

5. When the control "NOFORN" is followed by an additional phrase "Continued Control", it means that the NOFORN restriction on dissemination must be retained. This additional statement has a particular relevance to the NOFORN control that might be placed on single items of information. Such single items have appeared in the EIC-WGR series (BI-Weekly) which is in the category of "Digests or Summaries". Controlled information may be quoted, extracted, or summarized in digests or summaries, provided the dissemination of such digests and summaries conforms to the controls on the information and provided the controls are reprinted with the information.

6. For your purposes there should be no confusion since the term "NOFORN", with or without any additional phrase, means that this intelligence cannot be released to foreign nationals and that any decision as to excerpts or parts which can be released must be referred to the originator of the report - in this case the EIC.

7. The control "For Official Use Only" applies only to unclassified information. Such information bearing this stamp may be used for official purposes by U.S. departments and agencies. It may be used for official purposes by foreign governments which have been authorized to receive it by the originating agency. This information may be disclosed to non-governmental persons and organizations only with permission of the originating agency.

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